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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Huntington Beach – Six Arrested During Pro-Trump Rally

(U) A fistfight erupted between pro-Trump demonstrators and counter-protesters on the sands of a Southern California beach on Saturday, while other rallies were held across the country. Six people were arrested in Huntington Beach, California, after what California State Park Police Capt. Kevin Pearsall called "a disagreement of beliefs" between some in the crowd of 2,000 pro-Trump demonstrators and some of a small group who showed up in opposition. Some of the arrests were for "illegal use of pepper spray," Pearsall said. NBC Los Angeles reported that pepper spray was allegedly used in one instance by an anti-Trump protester who claimed he was defending his friend.

SOURCE: 26 March 2017, [MSNBC](#)

#### (U) San Diego – Over \$1 Million of Oxycodone and Cocaine Found in Vehicle at Border Crossing

(U) US Customs and Border Protection officers at the San Ysidro port of entry Friday arrested an American woman after finding 65 pounds of cocaine and thousands of Oxycodone pills in her car. When officers searched the car, they found 24 packages of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$978,900 and one package containing 6,767 Oxycodone pills, a street value of around \$203,010.

SOURCE: 24 March 2017, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – Al-Qa'ida Leader Killed in Airstrike

(U) Washington – A US counterterrorism airstrike earlier this month in Afghanistan killed an al-Qa'ida leader responsible for a deadly hotel attack in Islamabad in 2008 and the 2009 attack on a bus carrying the Sri Lankan cricket team, the Pentagon said yesterday. In confirming the death of Qari Yasin, US officials said Yasin was a senior terrorist figure from Balochistan, Pakistan, had ties to the group Tehrik-e Taliban and had plotted multiple al-Qa'ida terror attacks. The airstrike that led to his death was conducted on 19 March in Paktika Province, Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 25 March 2017, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) Texas – Ransomware Attack on Texas Hospital

(U) Austin – An Austin health provider is admitting they fell victim to a ransomware attack and that patient information was breached because of it. Urology Austin said the attack occurred on 22 January and within minutes they were alerted and able to shut down the network the data was on. Investigators determined that the breach impacted patient information, including names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and medical information. The company says they don't believe any actual information was taken or will be misused; however, they've alerted 200,000 patients affected out of an abundance of caution. They were required by law to alert patients, because the breach affected more than 500 people.

SOURCE: 24 March 2017, [NBC Austin](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Belgium – NATO to Spend 3 Billion Euros on Satellite, Cyber Defenses**

(U) Brussels – NATO plans to spend 3 billion euros (\$3.24 billion) to upgrade its satellite and computer technology over the next three years as the Western military alliance adapts to new threats, a senior official said. Seeking to deter hackers, and other threats including Iranian missiles, the investments underscore NATO's recognition that conflicts are increasingly fought on computer networks as well as in the air, on land and at sea.

SOURCE: 27 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Kenya – Kenyan Forces Kill 31 Al-Shabaab Militants**

(U) Nairobi – Kenyan troops in Somalia killed 31 Islamist al-Shabaab militants in a raid on two of their bases in the southern Somali region of Jubbaland, the Kenyan military said today. The East African nation has thousands of its forces in the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) to help curb al-Shabaab and improve security as part of a reconstruction drive after two decades of civil war that shattered the country.

SOURCE: 25 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mexico – 29 Inmates Tunnel Out of Prison**

(U) Mexico City – A group of 29 inmates have tunneled their way out of a prison in the northern Mexico border state of Tamaulipas, authorities said last week. The Tamaulipas state security spokesman said that 12 of the 29 escaped convicts have been recaptured while the others remain at large. The tunnel was more than 16ft deep beneath the prison in Ciudad Victoria according to Rodriguez, with the opening of the tunnel hidden in a hut inmates had illegally constructed inside prison grounds.

SOURCE: 25 March 2017, [International Business Times](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – UK Attacker Used Encrypted App Before Attack**

(U) London – Westminster Bridge attacker Khalid Masood sent a WhatsApp message that cannot be accessed because it was encrypted by the popular messaging service, a top British security official said yesterday. British press reports suggest Masood used the messaging service owned by Facebook just minutes before the Wednesday rampage that left three pedestrians and one police officer dead and dozens more wounded.

SOURCE: 26 March 2017, [ABC News](#)

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